

MICHAEL F. EASLEY GOVERNOR

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 136 REESTABLISHING THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON VOLUNTEERISM AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

WHEREAS, the increasing realization of the importance of volunteerism and civic participation, the growing recognition of community service as a means of community and state problem-solving, and the revival of national services as an avenue for addressing many of the country's unmet social, environmental, educational, and public safety needs have revealed new options for enhancing the quality of life for North Carolinians; and,

WHEREAS, promoting the capability of North Carolina's people, communities, and enterprises to work collaboratively is vital to the long-term prosperity of this state; and

**WHEREAS**, building and encouraging community services as an integral part of the formula to our growth as a state and as a nation requires cooperative efforts by the public sector, the private sector, the nonprofit sector, and partnerships among these sections; and

**WHEREAS,** a State Commission is necessary to advise and assist in the development of a comprehensive, statewide service plan for promoting volunteer involvement and citizen participation in North Carolina;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED**:

## Section 1. Establishment

The North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service ("Commission") is hereby established to encourage community service and volunteer participation as a means of community and state problem-solving; to promote and support voluntary citizen involvement in government and private programs throughout the state; to develop a long-term, comprehensive vision and plan of action for community service initiatives